

Budget Presentation (budget and material will be put on town website on Town Administrator page)

CIP Discussion

Proposed Town Hall:

The Town has been offered five acres of land that would cost the town \$1 by a developer. The value of the land would be ~\$125,000. This site is a good building lot which means that the site work would be much cheaper than any current town-owned land other than the site that has been offered to the Library. This is part of a larger project designed to encourage commercial develop along 125 in the area of the proposed site (on same side of Route 125 between rented office space and Scruton Pond Road).

Increased technology usage and staff consolidation within the town hall has reduced the space needs to below 10,000 square feet. The plan is for a building with an emphasis on long-term economy with energy efficiency design and low-carbon footprint. The larger lot allows for single story with no basement saving on construction costs, elevator, stairs, etc.

The Location and Accessibility

- Easy access for residents
- o 125 is the main transportation corridor in town
- Close to existing town hall
- Five acres with set back and long driveway
- New construction with ADA compliance
- Community meeting space
- Centralizing economic development on 125
- o Within one mile of the "Town Center" (125/9)
- o Expand the tax base (along 125) while maintaining Barrington's rural character

Tax Impact

- Commercial and residential development of the 212 acres of property would generate taxes
- If the town stopped renting a commercial property, it would be taxable again
- Timing of the bonding with the expiration of the Barrington Middle School bond
- Bond interest rates are rising and are likely lower now than in the future
- \$64,000 per year is wasted in rent versus investing in a property that will last 50 years

Future Town Space Needs

- This five acre lot would allow for additional buildings in the future
- New construction Town Hall will serve the towns needs for 40 years

Transparency and Community Involvement

- The Select Board was presented this opportunity less than a month ago and wanted to make discussions public as soon as possible

- This project could be bonded and the Barrington voters would make the final decision by a 60% margin

Discussion/decision:

1. Recreation Department requests a vote to see if the Board still supports the Recreation Department taking over the whole building if Library moves out?
2. Shall the Town appoint a Town Hall Building Committee to work on a new building including residents who have building experience?
3. Proposed Revisions Deputy Town Administrator Job Description

Water Committee Direction: The proposed direction for the water committee is as follows:

1. This committee is advisory to the Select Board
2. The committee is to help protect the water quality and quantity for the Town of Barrington
3. The committee is to help protect the rights of Barrington as it relates to water supply
4. The committee will advise the Board as to proposed changes in this mission statement as well as suggestions to accomplish the goals of this committee.